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1. FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE RECEIVED FROM WFP/ROME.
2. QUOTE. TITLE. WFP EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.

ROME, JUNE 28 - THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP) ANNOUNCED TODAY IT WILL SEND ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD AID WORTH DOLS 40.8 MILLION FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.

THE ALLOCATION CONSISTS OF 75,000 TONS OF WHEAT, 15,000 TONS OF COOKING OIL AND 8,700 TONS OF MILK POWDER PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES; 10,000 TONS OF WHEAT PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIA; AND 7,000 TONS OF WHEAT PROVIDED BY FRANCE.

A WFP SPOKESMAN SAID EMERGENCY FOOD AID WORTH DOLS 192.2 MILLION HAS SO FAR BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE AFGHAN REFUGEES
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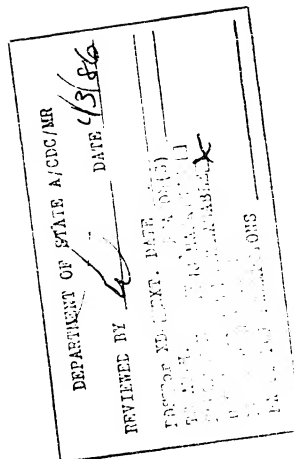
SINCE THEY BEGAN SEEKING ASYLUM IN PAKISTAN IN LATE 1979. HE SAID THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT OF THE REFUGEES RETURNING TO AFGHANISTAN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO PLAN TO MEET THEIR FOOD NEEDS FOR MANY MONTHS TO COME.

WFP COORDINATES THE FOOD RELIEF COMPONENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AID TO AFGHAN REFUGEES AND CONTINUALLY MONITORS THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD THROUGH ITS OWN STAFF

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